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## **EMERGENCY MANAGERS RECEIVE CEM<sup>®</sup> CREDENTIAL**

Austen “AJ” Seely was approved by the Certification Commission during the April 2022 review meeting to receive the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM<sup>®</sup>) credential. The CEM<sup>®</sup> designation is the highest honor of professional achievement available from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has in its membership more than 6,000 emergency managers representing professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters. The new class of CEM<sup>®</sup>s join the 3,196 other emergency managers who were approved for the designation since January, 1993 bringing the total number of Certified Emergency Managers to 3,209. To see a complete list of current CEM<sup>®</sup>s please visit the IAEM website - <http://www.iaem.org/page.cfm?p=certification/current-cem-aem>

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## **Commission, Requirements**

IAEM administers the program for the profession, and policy decisions and judgments are made by a Commission of respected professionals in the field. The Certification Commission approved applicants who successfully completed an extensive credentials package, a management essay and a written examination. The credentials requirements include experience, references, education, training, and contributions to the profession. The management essay requires respondents to submit a response to a scenario they might face while fulfilling emergency management responsibilities.

To maintain certification, CEM® recipients must submit additional training and contributions to the professional every five years.

## **CEM® Program**

The emergency management certification program was developed over the last several years by IAEM with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and guidance from an advisory board which included professionals from a variety of disciplines and representatives of key groups with a stake in emergency management.